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§ 61. **The Bulletin.**—The next number will begin the fifth volume of our little publication. When that volume closes we purpose issuing an index to the five volumes, so that that portion may be bound. Our subscribers will confer a favor by remitting 12 cents for postage, it being very inconvenient to send our unpaid mail to the general office. For the same reason station D is preferable for money orders.

We take this occasion to reiterate our hope that some of the more wealthy friends of science, to secure the permanency of the Bulletin, will endow it with a publishing fund of three thousand dollars.

§ 62. **The Botanical Directory.**—We tender our sincere thanks to the many friends of the undertaking, who have, by their emendations and suggestions, enabled us to give a much better list of the active botanists of this part of the world than has yet appeared. We have considerably more than doubled the number in the Salem Directory, published some years since. Our list was based on that, and Mr. Putnam most kindly seconded our project. Some of the old names we have not been able to verify, but all the new ones, we are assured, are those of persons really interested in some branch of the science.

It has occurred to us that it would be well in the next edition to append a list of considerable general and special herbaria and libraries, to facilitate references in our wide territory. We solicit contributions of information on these heads, as well as corrections and additions for the Directory proper.

§ 63. **Elliottia racemosa**, Muhl.—At the meeting of the Club, October 28, specimens of *Elliottia* were distributed. These specimens were collected by Mr. P. J. Berckmans, who has discovered a fine locality for the plant not far from his residence near Augusta, Georgia. As the fruit of *Elliottia* is still undescribed, Mr. Berckmans was requested to procure specimens if possible. He writes, on one of the last days of October, that some of the plants are still in flower, but that no vestige of fruit of any kind is to be found. The plant, through the kindness of Mr. Berckmans, will soon be in cultivation, and then we may be able to discover to what this lack of fructification is due.

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§ 64. **New Publications.**—1. *Prodromi Systematis Naturalis Vegetabilium Historia, Numeri, Conclusio*, by Alphonso De Candolle (from the last vol. of the *Prodromus*), Paris, 1873.—2. *Reflexions sur les Ouvrages Generaux de Botanique Descriptive*, by the same, Geneva, 1873. The former of these pamphlets, as its name implies, is a brief account of the history of the *Prodromus*, of the share of the various contributors to the work, and an enumeration of the genera (5134, *Composit.* 911), and species (58975, *Composit.* 8561) described, a large proportion being newly determined in this great work of three generations. It was begun by Augustin Pyramus De Candolle, who published the first vol. in 1818. The elder De Candolle died in 1841. His son Alphonso carried on the work, with the assistance, as before, of other botanists, among whom was his son Casimir. This year (1873) the last (XVIIth) vol. was published, the whole embracing, after all, only